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FIREWOOD PERMITS FOR 2014 NOW AVAILABLE

John Day, OR – Personal use firewood and post and pole permits are now available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices, announced Steve Beverlin, Acting Forest Supervisor.

Personal use firewood permits for 2014 will go on sale beginning January 7, 2014 with an expiration date of December 31, 2014.

One clarification to the 2014 personal use firewood permit:

• Firewood may be hauled in lengths less than eight feet, regardless of diameter. The previous conditions were that wood could be hauled in lengths greater than 8 feet as long as the diameter on the large end was less than or equal to 4 inches, OR wood could be hauled in lengths no more than 8 feet if the large end was greater than 6 inches.

Personal use firewood permits are intended to be used for the collection of firewood, not other forest products.

The price for personal use firewood permits remains at \$5.00 per cord, with a four cord minimum purchase. The personal use firewood program allows for a maximum of 16 cords per household per year.

To meet public needs, the Malheur National Forest is in the process of hiring a small sales forester. This position would oversee other forest products, including the post and pole program.

Post and pole permits are available for the harvesting of post and poles in the Parish Cabin fire area, and can be purchased at the Supervisor's Office in John Day. For information on additional post and pole opportunities contact Prairie City Ranger District at 541-820-3800 and/or Emigrant Creek Ranger District at 541-573-4300.

The minimum purchase price of a post and pole permit is \$20.00.

For additional information contact the Malheur National Forest office at 541-575-3000.

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